



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

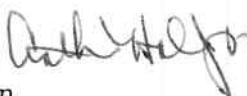
MEMORANDUM

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

Arthur Holmes, Jr.
Director

October 1, 2009

TO: Mike Knapp, Councilmember
County Council

FROM: Arthur Holmes, Jr., Director 
Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Clopper Road Park and Ride Lot

Thank you for your September 8, 2009, memorandum regarding the potential use of parking along various roadways zoned industrial or commercial throughout the County, and the Clopper Road Park and Ride lot for the parking of commercial vehicles.

The Division of Traffic Engineering and Operations (DTEO) has identified numerous roads that are *potential* locations on which to allow commercial vehicle parking. These potential locations have adjacent land that is commercial or industrial on both sides of the street. We are in the process of conducting field reviews to determine which locations can accommodate commercial vehicle parking without compromising roadway safety, and have already implemented the signing changes along several roads. Attached, please find a detailed status report of that effort.

With respect to allowing commercial vehicles to park in County-owned Park and Ride Lots, I am not amenable to allowing commercial vehicles to park in Park and Ride lots on a wide-scale basis. First and foremost, these lots need to serve the primary purpose for which they were built - commuter parking in furtherance of transit and van-pooling. Additionally, these lots were not designed for heavy vehicles and allowing such an uncontrolled use would result in damage to the pavement structure.

The above notwithstanding, I believe we can accommodate certain types of commercial vehicles in the Clopper Road lot on a limited and interim basis, as this lot is currently underutilized by commuters. To that end, I will direct my staff to identify a portion of the lot on which to allow commercial vehicles to park. We will designate the area by special signs and markings, and will work to implement this designated area within the next 90 days. At this time, I will authorize this use until December 31, 2010, at which time we will review the usage and, if required, we will restore the full usage of the lot to commuter parking.

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Located one block west of the Rockville Metro Station

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With respect to the weight limit of 8,000 pounds, please note that this is a weight limit on all public parking lots in the County, as stated in Section 31-27 of the County Code; however, we are able to authorize use by vehicles that are longer, wider and heavier than the dimensions stated in Section 31-27, and we will do so as you have requested. Generally, the issue is that the pavement structure for public parking facilities is not designed for repeated use by vehicles heavier than that approximate vehicle weight. Indeed, our buses have had an impact on this lot as a result of our former training operations, which have since been relocated to the Public Service Training Academy.

Please contact me or Carolyn Biggins, Chief, Division of Transit Services, if you have any further questions about the Park and Ride lot.

AH:sd

Attachment

cc: Tom Street, Assistant CAO

Location	Road	Between	And	Reviewed	WO written	Signs Changed	Spaces Added	
Clarksburg	Gateway Center Dr	Clarksburg Rd	Shawnee Ln	No				All parking prohibited - space available
Gaithersburg	Blackwell Rd	Great Seneca Hwy	Broschart Rd	No				Corner clearances can be reviewed
	Broschart Rd	Medical Center Dr	Key West Ave	No				
	Medical Center Dr	Great Seneca Hwy	Key West Ave	No				
	Medical Center Way	Medical Center Dr	Shady Grove Rd	No				
	Beechcraft Ave	Road End	Road End	Yes	No	No Change	-	
	Bonanza Way	Snouffer School Rd	Beechcraft Ave	Yes	No	No Change	-	
	Earhart Ct	Snouffer School Rd	Road End	Yes	No	No Change	-	
	Mooney Dr	Snouffer School Rd	Beechcraft Ave	Yes	No	No Change	-	
	Airpark Rd	Queenair Dr	Woodfield Rd	No				
	Cessna Ave	Airpark Rd	Road End	No				
	Chennault Way	Airpark Rd	Rickenbacker Dr	No				Corner clearances can be reviewed
	Lindbergh Dr	Woodfield Rd	Woodfield Rd	No				
	Queenair Dr	Airpark Rd	Cessna Ave	No				
	Rickenbacker Dr	Woodfield Rd	Road End	No				
	Amaranth Dr	Middlebrook Rd	Road End	Yes	Yes	No	38	
Germantown	Century Blvd	Aircraft Dr	Father Hurley Blvd	Yes	Yes	Yes	114	All parking prohibited - space available
	Cloverleaf Center Dr	Century Blvd	Crystal Rock Dr	Yes	No	No Change	-	
	Goldenrod Ln	Germantown Rd	Road End	No				
	Seneca Meadows Pkwy	Observation Dr	Germantown Rd	Yes	Yes	No	246	
Rockville	Derwood Cir	Cecil St		No				Over night restriction that can be removed
Silver Spring	Automobile Blvd	Briggs Cheney Rd		Yes	No	No Change	-	Over night restriction that can be removed
	Bournefield Way	Broadbitch Dr	Road End	No				
	Broadbitch Dr	Tech Rd	Cherry Hill Rd	Yes	No	No Change	-	
	Industrial Pkwy	US 29	Road End	Yes	No	No Change	-	
	Old Columbia Pike	Tech Rd	Industrial Pkwy	Yes	Yes	Yes	48	
	Plum Orchard Dr	Cherry Hill Rd	Road End	No				
	Prosperity Dr	Cherry Hill Rd	Tech Rd	Yes	Yes	Yes	125	
	Prosperity Terr	Prosperity Dr	Road End	Yes	Yes	Yes	26	
	Tech Rd	US 29	Road End	Yes	No			
	Whitehorn Ct	Prosperity Dr	Road End	Yes	Yes	Yes	11	
Total							608	